

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
 - a first substrate;
 - 5 a second substrate provided in opposition to the first substrate;
 - a liquid crystal layer provided between the first substrate and the second substrate; and
 - 10 spacers provided on the first substrate, the liquid crystal layer being provided between the spacers and the second substrate.
 2. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
 - a TFT substrate;
 - a color filter substrate;
 - 15 column-shaped spacers formed on the color filter substrate; and
 - a liquid crystal layer provided between the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate,
 - 20 the respective column-shaped spacers having depressed surfaces on their surfaces to be brought into contact with the TFT substrate, the spacers, when a force is applied between the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate, being deformed and also bringing the bottom portions of their depressed surfaces into contact with the TFT substrate to increase their contact areas.

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3. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
- a TFT substrate;
- a color filter substrate; and
- column-shaped spacers which retain the gap between both
- 5 the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate;
- the respective column-shaped spacers having contact surfaces which are disposed in contact with one of the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate and are respectively placed at boundary positions of steps provided on the substrate,
- 10 the respective contact surfaces of the column-shaped spacers being disposed in contact with the steps at top-side portions thereof while an ordinary gap between both substrates is being retained, but when an external force is temporarily applied, the column-shaped spacers being elastically deformed and being
- 15 also brought into contact with bottom-side portions of the respective steps.
4. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
- a TFT substrate; and
- a color filter substrate,
- 20 column-shaped spacers for retaining the gap between both the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate being respectively disposed on the top sides of steps provided within one of the TFT substrate and the color filter substrate, while reinforcing spacers for resisting a temporarily applied
- 25 external force are provided below the steps.

5. A liquid crystal display device comprising:
- a TFT substrate;
 - a color filter substrate; and
 - column-shaped spacers provided between both substrates,
- the column-shaped spacers being respectively disposed on steps provided on the color filter substrate, the steps being formed in the same step as a light shield film pattern or a color filter pattern is formed on the color filter substrate.